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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, LE

SUBJECT: AFTERMATH OF ISRAELI RAID ON BEIRUT

1. 1700 HOURS LOCAL. NO FURTHER INCIDENTS INVOLVING MISSION SINCE SMALL DEMONSTRATION USIA CULTURAL CENTER REPORTED BEIRUT 4209. HOWEVER, WE HAVE JUST HEARD THAT A DEMONSTRATION FORMING NEAR CENTER BEIRUT FOLLOWING FUNERAL OF TWO LEBANESE KILLED IN OUZAI IN ISRAELI RAID APRIL 10. ALTHOUGH NO INDICATION AS YET DESTINATION DEMONSTRATION, LEBANESE SECURITY FORCES HAVE RETURNED TO EMBASSY.

2. THERE WAS SMALL INCIDENT ON HAMRA BUSINESS AREA THIS AFTERNOON INVOLVING STUDENTS AND POLICE BUT IT WAS RELATIVELY QUICKLY DISPERSED WITHOUT ANYONE INJURED.

3. OFFICER OF LEBANESE SECURITY HAS JUST INFORMED EMBASSY THAT HE FEELS FEDAYEEN ARE ANXIOUS TO STRIKE EMBASSY SOONEST AND BELIEVES ROCKET ATTACK MOST LIKELY
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POSSIBILITY. CONSEQUENTLY HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY HAVE MAN POSTED
ON ROOF TO SCAN SURROUNDING BUILDINGS WHICH WE HAVE DONE.
HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO INSTITUTE MEASURES SUCH AS MOBILE
PATROLS LOOKOUTS AND SEARCHLIGHT COVERING SURROUNDING BEACH AREA
TO
FORESTALL ROCKET ATTACK FROM SEA OR LAND AREA SURROUNDING
EMBASSY. WE FEEL THREAT REAL ONE AS INTER ALIA, FEDAYEEN
FRUSTRATED AND HUMILIATED BY ISRAELI RAID AND ANXIOUS SHOW THEIR
CAPACITY TAKE EFFECTIVE ACTION AND GAIN HEADLINES.
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